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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

- ☒ the international application in the language in which it was filed.
- ☐ a translation of the international application into English, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4(a))
- ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

- ☒ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
pages 1-76 as originally filed/furnished
pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
pages 77-80 as originally filed/furnished
pages* NONE as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the drawings:
pages 1 as originally filed/furnished
pages* NONE received by this Authority on _____
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- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☒ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☒ the description, pages NONE
- ☒ the claims, Nos. NONE
- ☒ the drawings, sheets/figs NONE
- ☒ the sequence listing (*specify*): NONE
- ☒ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): NONE

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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PCT/US04/30647**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-32</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-32</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-32</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. Citations and Explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1-32 meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(4) because the claimed invention has industrial utility as a preservative composition.

Claims 1-14, 17-18, 22-23, 27 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by DECKNER et al. DECKNER et al teach a skin care composition (title). IPBC is disclosed at 0.001-5% (column 7 lines 3-15, 22-24). Amphoteric surfactants at 0.05-5%, including betaines, sultaines, alkyl imino acetates, iminodialkanoates, and imidazolinium derivatives are specified (column 14 lines 10-12, column 16 lines 48-63). As to the particular claimed amphoteric compounds, applicants stipulate that they are all items of commerce. Antifoaming agents are disclosed (column 25 lines 27-28).

Claims 1, 14-17, 19-21, 24-26, 28-32 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by POPPEN et al.

POPPEN et al teach a wood-protecting agent (title). Propiconazole, IPBC, and betaines are disclosed (column 3 lines 40-41, 62, column 4 lines 6-7). Antifoaming agents are specified (column 5 lines 59-60).

----- NEW CITATIONS -----

US 6,429,182 A (JULEMONT et al) 06 August 2002, title, column 2 lines 10-44, column 1 lines 33-35, column 6 lines 63-65, column 5 lines 45-57).

US 5,968,528 A (DECKNER et al) 19 October 1999, title, column 7 lines 3-15, 22-24. column 16 lines 48-62, column 14 lines 10-12, column 25 lines 27-28).

US 6,123,756 A (POPPEN et al) 26 September 2000, title, column 2 lines 43-45, column 3 lines 40-41, column 4 lines 6-7, column 5 lines 59-60.

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Box No. VII **Certain defects in the international application**

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

Claim 9 is objected to under PCT Article 5 as containing a minor defect. In claim 9 "to3" is indefinite. A space between "to" and "3" is suggested.